

The STRS Member Handbook

was prepared by the staff of the State Teachers' Retirement System to assist STRS Defined Benefit Plan members in understanding their member benefits.

The summarized data pertain to the Teachers' Retirement Law and procedures as of January 1, 1997, and is meant to be used only as a guide. If a conflict arises between the information provided in this booklet and the law, the law takes precedence.

The State Teachers' Retirement Law consists of Part 13, also known as the E. Richard Barnes Act, and Part 14 of Division 1 of the California Education Code. Part 13 includes the provisions of the STRS Defined Benefit Plan and regulates all activities of the California Teachers' Retirement System. Part 14 was enacted in 1995 and established an alternative plan for part-time educators, the STRS Cash Balance Plan.

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